

3s/4s**NOVEMBER 8, 2026****KEY QUESTION:****WHO LOVES ME NO MATTER WHAT?****BIG IDEA:****GOD LOVES ME NO MATTER WHAT.****VERSE OF THE MONTH:****“NOTHING... CAN EVER SEPARATE US FROM GOD’S LOVE.” ROMANS 8:39****BIBLE STORY:****DAVID PROTECTS HIS SHEEP – 1 SAMUEL 17:34-37****OVERVIEW****Centers****Large Group****Circle Time****Table Time****Play Time**

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FLOOR CENTER

ANIMAL ACTS

In this activity, we're going to imitate lots of different animals—including a sheep, a bear, and a lion—because today we're going to hear about how David protected his sheep from a bear and a lion.

Supplies:

“Animal Acts” Activity Pages (printed on cardstock, cut out)

How-To:

1. Lay the cards facedown on the floor.
2. Allow the children to take turns choosing a card and acting like the animal on the card.

Say This:

Before the Activity:

Who can name some animals? *(Let children respond.)* Wow! You can name a LOT of animals! I have a whole bunch of pictures of different animals here! Let's play a game with them. One at a time, I want you to choose a card and hold it up for everyone to see. Then let's all pretend to be that animal!

During the Activity:

Okay, *(child's name)*, choose a card, and let us see what it is! You picked a picture of a lion! Who knows what a lion sounds like? Let's all roar together! Who knows how a lion walks? *(Pretend to prowl like a lion.)* Great! Let's all roar and move around like a lion. *(Repeat for all cards.)*

After the Activity:

Wow, you were great at pretending to be those different animals! Some of them were cute and silly, but some of them were scary, like the lion and the bear. Today we are going to hear about a lion and a bear!

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CIRCLE TIME

What You Need:

1. Bible
2. Stickers

Say This:

Prompt the children to remember what they learned in The Playhouse. Celebrate when they remember!

- David was a shepherd, and that meant he took care of (*sheep*).
- God helped David be brave and save his sheep from a lion and a (*bear*).
- God loved David no matter what, and God loves me no matter (*what*).

Practice the Verse:

Open the Bible to remind the children that our verse comes from the Bible.

Are you ready to practice our Bible verse? (*Let children respond.*) Okay, let’s all say it together.

“Nothing can ever separate us (*make “X” arms and swipe down twice*) from God’s (*point up*) love (*hug self*)” Romans 8:39. (*Open hands like a book.*)

Now, who wants to try saying it by yourself? (*Reward each child with a sticker for saying the verse.*)

Talk About It:

God cared about David and loved him no matter what! God was with him even when he was scared! God is with you when you feel scared, too. When are times that you felt scared? (*Help the children think of times when they felt scared. Examples might be during a big storm or trying something new.*)

Let’s pray and thank God for loving us no matter what and for being with us whenever we are scared.

Pray:

Dear God, thank you for loving us no matter what and always being with us when we are scared. Please help us remember you are with us when (*talk about the things you discussed*). We love you, God. Amen.

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TABLE TIME

GOD'S LOVE POSTER

Supplies:

1. "God's Love Poster" Activity Page (1 per child, printed on 11" x 17" cardstock)
2. "God's Love Poster – Stickers" Activity Page (multiple sheets, printed on OL240 labels)
3. Tissue paper squares (various colors)
4. Heart stamps
5. Glue sticks

How-To:

1. Give each child an Activity Page.
2. Encourage them to fill in the word "LOVE" with the tissue paper squares.
3. Allow them to decorate the rest of their page with heart stickers and stamps.

Say This:

Before the Activity:

God's love is so awesome! In fact, NOTHING can ever separate us from God's love! That's our Bible verse this month! Let's practice saying it together. "Nothing can ever separate us (*make "X" arms and swipe down twice*) from God's (*point up*) love (*hug yourself*)" Romans 8:39. (*Open hands like a book.*) Good job! Now, let's make a poster to help us remember our Bible verse.

During the Activity:

There are so many fun supplies you can use to decorate your poster! First, glue pieces of tissue paper inside the word "LOVE." Great job, that looks amazing! Now you can use all of these hearts to decorate your poster. We have heart stickers and heart stamps that you can add wherever you want.

After the Activity:

Your poster looks great! Take it home and hang it somewhere in your house to help you remember. Practice telling the Bible verse to your family!